

## **Delaware Human Trafficking Interagency Coordinating Council Juvenile Committee**

**Attendance:** Carrie Hyla (DFS) Colleen Woodall (DFS) Joshua Rowley (DSP) Jennifer Perry (JC/OCA) Ryan Brabson (YRS) Susan Murray (DFS) Trinette Ramsey (DFS) Brie Gannon (SPC) Lauren Arnold (DFS) Racheal Neff (FC) the following names were present for the meeting via phone Abby Layton (DOJ) Lisa Minutola (ODS) Barbara Alsop (Dover Aglow) Tina Fountain (PBH) Brain Moore (DOE)

**Date-** November 28, 2018

**Time** – 10am-12pm

**Location** – 1825 Faulkland Road Wilmington, De. 19805 Conf. Room 199

**Called to Order:** Director Trennee Parker called the meeting to order.

**Introductions:** Introductions were made by those in attendance.

Discussion around a volunteer to be co-chair which Jennifer Perry made the commitment.

### **Back on the committee**

Trennee provided background on the creation of the committee. While attending another meeting someone suggested that we needed to have a juvenile committee. In addition, this council is also mandated.

### **Review of Goals**

#### **Short Term Goals**

A primary goal is to have an impact that is able to be measured and achieved.

There are some struggles with self-reporting dealing with this age group. When Colleen was conducting a training, they went over some of the juvenile trafficking protocol. The protocol was meant to be an assessment or screening.

One task is to recognize gaps with services in areas that may be overlooked. We should look at what other jurisdictions are using as well. There are some federal laws being enacted called Family First. Lauren has a West Coast clinical tool/assessment for children. The assessment is more expansive and gives more of a range versus just a yes or no. Lauren will share this with the committee.

There was discussion about groups that may be missing from this committee, whose input would be valuable. We are able to have the public participate. Yolanda's name was mentioned as a possible candidate. SOAR may be a good resource to connect with. Sherry Will from Beebe Hospital should be contacted and someone from our training department should be included.

During the first meeting, we spoke about how we can educate the children who are at risk. In addition, it is necessary to raise public awareness. For students, who are not considered to be at risk, the school has provided education about human trafficking during the gang training forum.

We need to strengthen trainings for our foster parents. This is due to the fact that the foster parents usually have early contact with the children after something happens. We need to follow up and speak with Tonya about her training.

### **Long Term Goals**

Schools and healthcare providers need expanded training and should be included in positive ways we need to use to talk about the victims. The approach, to talking to the victims, is to treat them as people first. For example, the word exploit should be used versus being trafficked. Exploitation really captures what is happening to these children in our state.

Are there any other goals we should include or anything that might not be attainable? As the group evolves this area will continue to be discussed.

Colleen reported there is a slide already created but is very general. Everyone is on board with the short- and long-term goals currently.

We would like to have a monthly meeting. There is an update that needs to be provided in January 2019.

### **Next Meeting**

January 16, 2019 at 10am at 263 Chapman Road in the large conference room in the Cambridge Building.

### **Public Comment**

No responses